

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

This Response to Restriction/Election and Preliminary Amendment is filed in response to the restriction requirement mailed June 2, 2005. Applicants hereby elect the invention of Group IV, claim 16 with traverse. Claim 16 has been retained in the present application, while original claims 1-15 and 17-18 have been canceled herein. New claims 19-33, dependent on claim 16, have been added to further describe the present invention. New claims 34-36 have to added to describe the method of making the carrier with anti-microbial properties.

Enclosed herewith is a two month extension to respond to the Restriction/Election requirement mailed June 2, 2005. Also inclosed is a Form PTO/SB/82 revoking previous powers of attorney and appointing the practitioners associated with Customer Number 24349, including the undersigned. In support of this power of attorney is a statement under 37 CFR 3.73(b). This statement under 37 CFR 3.73(b) is, in turn, supported by documents setting forth a name change of the corporate Assignee and Form PTO-1595 to record the name change. A Form PTO-2038 credit card payment form is enclosed as payment for the two month extension and the recordal fee for the name change.

No additional fee is believed necessary to file this Response. If any additional fees are necessary for the proper filing of this document and the supporting documents, please withdrawn them from Deposit Account No. 50-1274(GOLS B-2091).

Applicants respectfully request that a timely Notice of Allowance be issued in this application.

Respectfully submitted,



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